

Child Restraint Distribution Grant

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute's (ICJI) Traffic Safety Division announces the availability of Child Restraint Distribution Grants.

IC 9-19-11-9

Child restraint system account

Sec. 9. (a) The child restraint system account is established within the state general fund to make grants under subsection (d).

(b) The account consists of the following:

- (1) Funds collected as judgments for violations under this chapter.
- (2) Appropriations to the account from the general assembly.
- (3) Grants, gifts, and donations intended for deposit in the account.
- (4) Interest that accrues from money in the account.

(c) The account shall be administered by the criminal justice institute.

(d) The criminal justice institute, upon the recommendation of the governor's council on impaired and dangerous driving, shall use money in the account to make grants to private and public organizations to:

- (1) purchase child restraint systems; and
- (2) distribute the child restraint systems:
 - (A) without charge; or
 - (B) for a minimal charge;

to persons who are not otherwise able to afford to purchase child restraint systems.

The criminal justice institute shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to implement this section.

(e) Money in the account is appropriated continuously to the criminal justice institute for the purposes stated in subsection (a).

(f) The expenses of administering the account shall be paid from money in the account.

(g) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Interest that accrues from these investments shall be deposited in the account.

(h) Money in the account at the end of a state fiscal year does not revert to the state general fund.

As added by P.L.67-2004, SEC.11.

Funding Cycle: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Eligible Applicants: Private and public organizations, including law enforcement departments and non-profit agencies.

Application Procedure: Submit the attached grant application by close of business on **May 27, 2011** to:

*Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Child Restraint Distribution Grant
101 W. Washington St., #1170E
Indianapolis, IN 46204*

Please complete the application in its entirety. Be sure to include a contact on page 11 under “Notices to Grantee” section, as well as signatures on page 13 and all sections of Exhibits A and B.

All applicants will receive an email confirmation once their application is received, therefore, please ensure that the contact information for the Coordinator is accurate and up to date. Your application is not considered “received” until you have email confirmation of such. Late and incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Selection Criteria: Grants will be awarded based upon the applicant’s statement of the problem and background information, goals and objectives, activities and procedures and program evaluation. The program’s scope of work should include how the program will distribute child restraint systems, specifically to persons who are not otherwise able to afford to purchase child restraint systems.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply for the Child Restraint Distribution Grant funds? Public and private organizations that have the means and ability to fulfill the requirements of the distribution and use of the funds. Police, public safety and non-profit organizations are encouraged to apply.

Can applicants purchase Child Restraint educational materials with the funds? Yes. Educational materials may be purchased with the funds, provided that the applicant’s scope of work identifies the need and notes any purchases the applicant intends to make with the grant funds.

Can applicants use funds for Child Seat Clinics? Yes. Funds can be used to support or host child safety seat clinics, provided that the applicant’s scope of work identifies the need and notes the intended use of the grant funds.

If an organization applies and does not have a Child Passenger Safety Technician on staff, can the funds be used to get employees certified? Yes. Funds can be used to support training, certification and recertification of Child Passenger Safety Technicians. The applicant’s scope of work should identify the need and intended use of the grant funds. Information regarding Child Passenger Safety Technician Training and Certification may be found at www.in.gov/cji/2545.htm, <http://cert.safekids.org>, or www.preventinjury.org. The standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician (CPST) certification course is usually 4-5 days long and combines classroom instruction, hands-on work with car seats and vehicles, and a community safety seat checkup. Attendance is required for the entire course and the cost of the course is approximately \$75.00 per person.

What is the maximum amount that an applicant can request? Please request funding based upon the needs identified in the scope of work to complete the project goals and objectives. Funding amounts will be determined and awarded at the discretion of the Traffic Safety Division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. Every effort will be made to ensure funding is awarded within all areas of the state.

How can the funds be used? In addition to purchase and distribution of child restraint systems, funding can be used for child safety seat clinics, supplies related to child restraint systems, educational materials and training for Child Passenger Safety Technicians. Funds cannot be used for promotional incentive items and/or food and beverages. Please ensure that the grant application 1) allocates child restraint systems to people in need; 2) educates and informs child caregivers of the proper use of the child restraint systems; and 3) demonstrates that the organization is best equipped to administer the funds in an efficient and appropriate way.

Additional questions must be submitted via email by close of business May 6, 2011. All responses will be posted by May 13, 2011 at www.in.gov/cji under the Traffic Safety tab. All questions must be submitted in writing to the Child Passenger Safety Program Manager, Angie Morris at angmorris@cji.in.gov.